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1. DEPARTMENT GENERALLY CONCURS WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED

REF A COCONUT OIL.

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2. LINE TAKEN BY MISSION OFFICERS (PARA 4, REF B) IS CORRECT ONE. SINCE TRADE LEGISLATION CONTAINING AUTHORITY TO CUT TARIFFS AND EXTEND GENERALIZED PREFERENCES STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS, USG NOT NOW IN POSITION TO DISCUSS EITHER MFN TARIFF REDUCTION OR INCLUSION OF COCONUT OIL ON GSP LIST. WE, OF COURSE, FORECLOSING NO OPTIONS RE LATER POSSIBILITY NEGOTIATED MEASURES ON OILSEEDS AND PRODUCTS.

3. RE PARA 3, REF C, DO NOT UNDERSTAND SUGGESTION THAT US MAKE PALM OIL DUTY REDUCTIONS IN CONCERT WITH EC SINCE US DUTY ON PALM OIL ALREADY ZERO. KISSINGER

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